

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the specification and claim 4 have been amended for better format.

In the Office Action, the Examiner reminded the Applicants of the format of the Abstract. In response, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner suggested adding headings to the specification. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's suggestion, however respectfully decline to add the headings as they are not required in accordance with MPEP §608.01(a).

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,262,704 (Kurumisawa). Further, claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurumisawa. In response, claim 1 has been amended, and claims 7-10 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are patentable over Kurumisawa for at least the following reasons.

Kurumisawa discloses a method of driving a display device where covered portions of the display are turned off, thus conserving power and extending battery life. FIGS 39A to 40B, as well as column 4, lines 19-24, and column 23, lines 4-31 are cited in rejecting claims 1-6. It is respectfully submitted that FIG 39B shows two visible screen 1000, 1010, where in FIG 39A the second screen 1010 is hidden behind a panel 1400. As shown in FIG 39B and described on column 23, lines 12-17, the second screen 1010 becomes visible when the panel 1400 is "flipped down" (col. 23, line 16). In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in claim 1 requires a retractable screen which is not shown or suggested in FIGs 39A-39B and accompanying description thereof.

FIGs 40A-40B show a portable electronic dictionary where in FIG 40B, "a screen 1520 is pushed up to expand the display area (col. 23, lines 26-27). The present invention as recited in amended claim 1 requires that "said screen part being separable from said fixed part." This feature is nowhere taught or suggested by Kurumisawa which is primarily concerned with power conservation by turning off power to portion of the display that is not visible.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 1 be allowed. In addition, as claims 2-10 depend from

independent claim 1, applicants respectfully request that claims 2-10 also be allowed.

Dependent claims 2-10 also include patentable subject matter. According to the Examiner, FIGs 39A to 40B, as well as column 4, lines 19-24, and column 23, lines 4-31 of Kurumisawa show the feature of claims 2-4. However, a careful inspection of the cited sections of Kurumisawa reveals that there is no teaching or suggestion of a screen part which is mounted on projections, as recited in claim 2; or hard points as recited in claim 3; or recesses and spring system as recited in claim 4.

Further, Kurumisawa does not teach or suggest that "said closed position corresponds to a first operating mode of said electronic device and said open position corresponds to a second operating mode of said electronic device", as recited in claim 7; or "wherein said first operating mode includes telephone functions and said second operating mode includes receiving information from a WAP system", as recited in claim 8; or "wherein said fixed part includes a switch that protrudes from a groove in said screen part in said closed position, said switch being depressed by said screen part in said open position, wherein said electronic device is configured to switch between two screen formats in response to a

position of said switch", as recited in claim 9; or position detection means, wherein said electronic device is configured to switch between two screen formats in response to signals from said position detection means", as recited in claim 10.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any informalities remain, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite allowance.

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